


# Planning and Development Department Update

**DATE:** January 7, 2011  
**TO:** Mayor Setti D. Warren  
**FROM:** Candace Havens, Director of Planning and Development  
**RE:** Friday Report   
**CC:** Board of Aldermen  
Robert Rooney, Chief Operating Officer

This weekly report is intended to keep you informed of current development proposals and other noteworthy planning and development activities as follows:

<b>Monday</b> <b>01/10/11</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities, 6:30 p.m., Cafeteria</li><li>• Zoning &amp; Planning Committee – Public Hearing/Working Session, 7:45 p.m., Aldermanic Chambers</li></ul>
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>01/11/11</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Newton Corner Neighborhood Meeting, 7:00 p.m., old Newton Corner Library at 126 Vernon Street</li><li>• Economic Development Commission, 7:30 p.m., Room 209</li><li>• Auburndale Historic District Commission, <b>cancelled</b></li><li>• Land Use Committee – Public Hearing/Working Session, 7:45 p.m., Aldermanic Chamber/ Room 222</li></ul>
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>01/12/11</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Newton Housing Partnership, 7:45 a.m., Room 202</li></ul>
<b>Thursday</b> <b>01/13/11</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• WestMetro Home Consortium, 10:00 a.m., Room 202</li><li>• Newton Upper Falls Historic District, 7:30 p.m., Room 202</li></ul>

- **Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities:** The Mayor's Committee will hold its monthly meeting Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m., in the City Hall Cafeteria. The Committee will hear from Stephanie Gillman, Commissioner of the Public Buildings Department, who is seeking input from the Committee on access improvements in City Hall. The Committee will also consider the approval of the December 13, 2010 minutes and hear a report on the access projects funded with CDBG funds. Discussions will be held on the consideration of a recommendation for an additional handicap parking space in West Newton Village and a recommendation for the relocation of the existing handicap parking space in Waban Square in addition to FY12 priorities for the Committee and webpage updates. Committee members and the public will have an opportunity to report on accessibility issues of noncompliance in the City. An update will be provided on the Committee's recommendation to the Planning and Development Board to transfer \$4,425 in CDBG Access funds in order to install Accessible Pedestrian Signals at the intersection of Washington Street and Commonwealth Avenue. **Contact Kathleen Cahill at 617.796.1125 or [kcahill@newtonma.gov](mailto:kcahill@newtonma.gov).**
- **Zoning & Planning Committee- Public Hearing/Working Session:** The Committee will hold a public hearing on Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:45 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chamber, Newton City Hall to discuss item **#142-09(4)**, consideration of revisions to Chapter 30 regarding FAR regulations. Public comments will also be taken on item **#235-10** requesting updates to §22-50, *Demolition of historically significant buildings or structures*, to minimize inconveniences to homeowners proposing modest changes and to enhance protections for historic structures proposed for demolition. Following the public hearing the Committee will hold a **working session** in Room 209, Newton City Hall to discuss items **#142-09(4)** and **#235-10**. **For more information, contact: Jen Molinsky at 617.796.1130 or [jmolinsky@newtonma.gov](mailto:jmolinsky@newtonma.gov), Brian Lever at 617.796.1129 or [blever@newtonma.gov](mailto:blever@newtonma.gov), Seth Zeren at 617.796.1145 or [szeren@newtonma.gov](mailto:szeren@newtonma.gov).**
- **Land Use Committee Public Hearing/Working Session:** The Committee will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:45 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chamber. The agenda includes the following: **#350-10**, PR Realty Trust, Peggi Robart, Trustee to expand an existing two-family dwelling into a three-family dwelling; to waive one parking space; and to waive the required driveway access of 12 feet at **175 Allerton Road**; **#268-02(2)**, Daniel Haverty/Kenmore Realty Corporation request for approval of a restaurant having more than 50 seats (increase from 48 to 76 seats) and to waive the additional number of parking spaces (3) required for a restaurant located at **1349 Washington Street**; **#351-10**, Jon B. Hollingsworth petition for approval to permit a 2-story detached garage of more than 700 sq. ft

(982 sq. ft.) and allow 2 dormers to be located two feet from the vertical plane of the side wall of the garage at 373 Lexington Street. In addition, there may be a **working session** in Room 222 regarding 175 Allerton Road following the Public Hearings. **Contact Alexandra Ananth at 617.796.1121 or [aananth@newtonma.gov](mailto:aananth@newtonma.gov).**

- **Newton Corner Neighborhood Meeting:** The Newton Corner Neighborhood Association will meet on Tuesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the old Newton Corner Library (126 Vernon Street). The agenda will include a discussion of the proposed new signage at Exit 16 and Exit 17, and a discussion of potential improvements along the MBTA bus route 57 corridor, as part of the Key Routes program. **Contact David Koses at 617.796.1133 or [dkoses@newtonma.gov](mailto:dkoses@newtonma.gov).**
- **Economic Development Commission:** The Commission will meet on Tuesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in Room 209. Mayor Setti Warren will be discussing the City's FY2012-FY2016 Five-Year Financial Forecast and the role that economic development and the EDC can play in helping the City achieve financial sustainability. Other agenda items include updates on EDC membership and an Annual Report, a Business Improvement District (BID) strategy for 2011, the Feasibility Analysis Working Group, and other development projects. **Contact Amanda Stout at 617.796.1127 or [astout@newtonma.gov](mailto:astout@newtonma.gov).**
- **Newton Housing Partnership:** The Partnership will meet on Wednesday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:45 a.m. in Room 202. The agenda includes review of the December meeting minutes, consideration of approving a proposed housing development project located at 112-116 Dedham Street by project sponsor, SEB. The proposed development is a single building featuring 16 for-sale units, 4 of which will be deed-restricted for sale to homeowners at up to 80 percent of the area-wide median income. All units will be single-level. The development would incorporate a 19th-century stone barn; review of the draft Fiscal Year 2012 Annual Action Plan; brief updates on Chestnut Hill Square, status of 61 Pearl Street project proposal, status of Austin Street parking lot reuse, HAPI mixed use zoning reform proposals and the Mixed-Use Task Force amendment and; other business. **Contact Robert Muollo at 617.796.1146 or [rmuollo@newtonma.gov](mailto:rmuollo@newtonma.gov).**
- **WestMetro Home Consortium:** The Consortium will meet on Thursday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 202. The agenda includes a report on the federal appropriations process, an update on the Fair Housing Initiatives Program grant application and a review of project status and budgets. **Contact Amy Yuhasz at 617.796.1122 or [ayuhasz@newtonma.gov](mailto:ayuhasz@newtonma.gov).**
- **Newton Upper Falls Historic District:** The Commission will meet on Thursday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in Room 202. The following requests will be considered: **15 Summer Street** request to revise details to Annex entrance, and install sign on Chestnut Street; **365 Elliot Street** request to install three signs: 1) replace awning with new one bearing company logo; 2) new PVC sign; 3) perforated vinyl for glass in loading dock doors with violin soundhole motif; and **937 Chestnut Street** request to replace 11 windows with Harvey replacements. Other business includes approval of minutes from November 2010. **Contact Katy Holmes at 617.796.1143 or [kholmes@newtonma.gov](mailto:kholmes@newtonma.gov).**
- **Community Preservation Committee (CPC):** The CPC will meet on Wednesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Newton Senior Center, 345 Walnut Street in Newtonville. There will be working sessions for community housing at **61 Pearl Street** and **112-116 Dedham Street**. Comments will be accepted by mail (to the Newton Planning & Development Dept.) or email (see address below) until 9 am on January 7. The full text of all proposals is online at [www.newtonma.gov/cpa/projects.htm](http://www.newtonma.gov/cpa/projects.htm). The January agenda also includes program and budget planning for fiscal year 2012. For further information **contact Alice Ingerson at 617.796.1144 or [aingerson@newtonma.gov](mailto:aingerson@newtonma.gov).**
- **Auburndale Historic District Commission:** The Commission will meet on Tuesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> has been **cancelled**. Their next scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. **Contact Brian Lever at 617.796.1129 or [blever@newtonma.gov](mailto:blever@newtonma.gov).**